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Applicant: PRESTON CUTRIGHT ET AL.  
Serial No.: 09/935,107                      Group Art Unit: 1714  
Filed: AUGUST 23, 2001              Examiner: C. D. Toomer  
Title: SYNTHETIC FUEL COMPRISING COAL DUST, WATER AND A  
REACTIVE ORGANIC COMPOUND, AND A PROCESS FOR  
MAKING SUCH SYNTHETIC FUEL

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL CRONIN UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

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Sir:

I, Michael Cronin, do declare that:

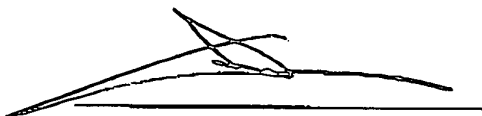
1. I am a United States resident and citizen.
2. I currently serve as Intellectual Property Counsel at Elementis America, Inc. of Hightstown, New Jersey.
3. At my request, Tony Vacc, the Technical Director for starches at Lorama Chemicals, Inc. of Milton, Ontario, Canada, undertook an investigation to determine the molecular weight distribution for LPE01, a polysaccharide resin. Those of skill in the art would understand that LPE01 is representative of the Lorama polysaccharide resins referred to on page 9 of the specification as filed.

4. Mr. Vacc relayed to me that LPE01 has a molecular weight distribution with two peaks. Mr. Vacc indicated that this was typical for polysaccharide resins. The first peak ( $M_{p1}$ ) was at 2500 Daltons, while the second peak ( $M_{p2}$ ) was at 17 Daltons. The overall range was from 25,000 Daltons down to zero.

5. I declare that the preceding statements which are made of my own knowledge are true and that the preceding statements which are made on information and belief are believed to be true. I am aware that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

November 16, 2003

DATE

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